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3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DISCUSSED TOKYO MEETING AUGUST 29 WITH DR. JOSEF MEISL, CHIEF TRADE POLICY OFFICIAL IN MINISTRY OF TRADE. MEISL INDICATED THAT IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER TRADE MINISTER STARIBACHER WILL HEAD AUSTRIAN DELEGATION IN TOKYO. WHILE HE VERY MUCH WANTS TO DO SO, HE MAY BE DETAINED BY POLITICAL SITUATION (KEY PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS COMING UP IN OCTOBER). DECISION ON WHETHER HE WILL GO IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE EARLY NEXT WEEK. IN ANY CASE, FOLLOWING IS DELEGATION LIST: MEISL (HE WILL HEAD DELEGATION IF STARIBACHER DOES NOT ATTEND); DR. RUDOLF WILLENPART, SENIOR TRADE POLICY OFFICIAL IN TRADE MINISTRY; DR. ERNST PALISEK, MINISTRY OF FINANCE; DR. HEINRICH LEDERLIGHTNER, FEDERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; DR. JOSEF KRYWULT, CHAMBER OF LABOR; ING. WALTER KUCERA, CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE. FOREIGN OFFICE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF IN TOKYO NOT YET

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2. MEISL INDICATED THAT AUS TRAINS WILL ALSO HAVE BILATERAL TRADE TALKS WITH JAPAN WHILE IN TOKYO.

3. MEISL SAID THAT HE VIEWS THE TOKYO MEETING AS ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL IN NATURE, AND HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WOULD BE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIFIC ISSUES. HE SAID AUSTRIANS WOULD NOT BE RAISING ANY NEW ISSUES.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED TOKYO MEETING WITH DR. WILLENPART. HE HOPES TO BE IN TOUCH WITH U.S. DELEGATION A DAY OR SO IN ADVANCE OF OPENING OF MEETING FOR A READING ON U.S. VIEWS ON BRACKETED POSITIONS ON MONETARY TRADE LINK AND ISSUE OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WILLENPART WILL BE ARRIVING TOKYO ON EVENING OF SEPT. 9 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SEPT. 10 AND 11 SHOULD U.S. DELEGATION WISH TO CONTACT HIMHUMES

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